(b) Soft wood (Match wood).—

1961—62	..	2,444 Acres.
1962—63	...	2,585 Acres.
1963—64	..	2,728 Acres.
Total		7,757 Acres.

(iv) The cultivation of medicinal herbs is undertaken by Forest Department on experimental basis and not on a commercial scale.

(*b*) On an area of 530 acres.

(*c*) No.

Maintaining of special Vans for transportation of Fish, Fruits, etc., for Marketing purposes.

Q.—30. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they maintain special vans to transport fish, fruits, vegetables and eggs from place to place for the purpose of marketing;

(*b*) if so, what is the amount spent annually for that purpose ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Forests and Fisheries).—

(*a*) (i) Fish : Yes.

(ii) Fruits and vegetables : No.

(iii) Eggs : Van is maintained by the Animal Husbandry Department not only to bring eggs but also chicks, culled birds, poultry and poultry requirements, etc.

(*b*) (i) Fisheries Department : Rs. 31,045 (Average).

(ii) Animal Husbandry Department : The cost for transportation of eggs is roughly fixed at Rs. 5,672.74 based on the number of eggs transported through the van along with the other commodities.

Squads maintained to put down Smuggling of Forest Wealth in the State.

Q.—32. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what are the special arrangements made and the squads maintained to put down smuggling of forests wealth in the State;